Committee to develop Indian culture in KVs And NVs

†2470. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level committee has been constituted with a view to strengthen the quality of educational standards further and to develop the understanding of Indian culture and to promote cultural activities in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas run by Government; and

(b) if so, the criteria fixed for submitting recommendation by the committee and the terms of reference of the committee and the stipulated time for submitting the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government has not set up any high level Committee to strengthen the quality of educational standards in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) & Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs). However, a Committee of experts was constituted in June 2006, to advise on policies for promotion and understanding of Indian culture and to promote cultural activities in KVs and JNVs. The Committee has been asked to give its recommendations within three months from the date of order, *i.e.,* 27.06.2006.

University for PIO and NRIs

2471. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a university for the benefit of children of People of Indian Origin (PIO) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs);

(b) if so, the quantum of reservation of seats proposed to be provided to PIOs and NRIs in the University; and

(c) the courses proposed to be offered by the university, and the details thereof?

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